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Harford County Observes National EMS Week

EMS providers recognized for their lifesaving service

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County government will pay tribute to the Emergency Medical Service providers during National EMS Week, May 19 – 24, 2013. This year's theme is ***"EMS: One Mission; One Team"***.

Emergency Services Week or EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor and raise awareness of those who are dedicated to providing day-to-day lifesaving services.

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) was instrumental in establishing EMS Week when former President Gerald Ford declared, November 3 – 10, 1974 as the first "National Emergency Services Week". This annual observance continued for four more years, and then was reinstituted by the ACEP in 1982. Ten years later, EMS Week was moved to the third week in May each year.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 36 million patients were cared for by EMS personnel in 2011.

Harford County has a tremendous group of paid and volunteer EMS providers working around the clock to ensure the best possible care to the citizens of Harford County," said County Executive David R. Craig. "During National EMS Week, I urge the people of Harford County to take time to thank our EMS providers for their selfless, dedicated and exemplary service," Craig added.

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"Preserving Harford's past; promoting Harford's future"

